

What does AoT mean?

Full pre-analysis (type inference) valid

Methods can't be changed on-stack

No runtime checks on types required by the JIT

Infamous issue #265: previous statements aren't reliably enforced by the runtime / compiler :(

Adding a method requires updating the AoT compiled code:

- “toplevel” code vs. function code
- natural separation: defining code vs. running data

Julia: REPL or Compiler?

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~/julia$ ./julia --help
julia [switches] -- [programfile] [args...]
-v, --version          Display version information
-h, --help             Print this message

-J, --sysimage <file>  Start up with the given system image file
--precompiled={yes|no} Use precompiled code from system image if available
--compilecache={yes|no} Enable/disable incremental precompilation of modules
-H, --home <dir>       Set location of julia executable
--startup-file={yes|no} Load ~/.juliarc.jl
--handle-signals={yes|no} Enable or disable Julia's default signal handlers

-e, --eval <expr>      Evaluate <expr>
-E, --print <expr>     Evaluate and show <expr>
-L, --load <file>      Load <file> immediately on all processors

--compile={yes|no|all|min} Enable or disable JIT compiler, or request exhaustive compilation
-C, --cpu-target <target> Limit usage of cpu features up to <target>
-O, --optimize={0,1,2,3} Set the optimization level (default 2 if unspecified or 3 if specified as -O)
--inline={yes|no}       Control whether inlining is permitted (overrides functions declared as @inline)
--check-bounds={yes|no} Emit bounds checks always or never (ignoring declarations)
--math-mode={ieee,fast} Disallow or enable unsafe floating point optimizations (overrides @fastmath declaration)

--depwarn={yes|no|error} Enable or disable syntax and method deprecation warnings ("error" turns warnings into errors)

--output-o name          Generate an object file (including system image data)
--output-ji name         Generate a system image data file (.ji)
--output-bc name         Generate LLVM bitcode (.bc)
--output-incremental=no  Generate an incremental output file (rather than complete)

--code-coverage={none|user|all}, --code-coverage
                        Count executions of source lines (omitting setting is equivalent to "user")
--track-allocation={none|user|all}, --track-allocation
                        Count bytes allocated by each source line
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